

1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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3 1. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed
4 to:

5 display to each of a plurality of users, upon each user's request, as to each particular
6 parcel to be shipped by each user, an online interactive graphic comparison of a plurality of
7 shipping rates calculated for each of a plurality of services offered by each of a plurality of
8 carriers to ship a particular parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to a particular service
9 offered by a particular carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a particular delivery
10 destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel delivery date, wherein
11 each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client
12 computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global
13 communications network.

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15 2. The computer system of Claim 1, said computer system further programmed
16 to:

17 display said online interactive graphic comparison comprising an array of a plurality
18 of cells.

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20 3. The computer system of Claim 2, said computer system further programmed
21 to:

22 display each of said cells at an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date and
23 a parcel delivery time.

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25 4. The computer system of Claim 3, said computer system further programmed
26 to:

27 display in each cell corresponding to a delivery date and a delivery time for which
28 delivery of the particular parcel is supported by at least one particular service offered by at
29 least one particular carrier each shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel calculated

1 according to a set of rules for delivery of the particular parcel by each corresponding service
2 offered by each corresponding carrier.

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4 5. The computer system of Claim 4, said computer system further programmed
5 to:

6 subdivide each cell for which more than one carrier supports delivery of the parcel at
7 the particular delivery time on the particular delivery date corresponding to said cell into a
8 plurality of sub-cell divisions, each of said sub-cell divisions corresponding to a particular
9 service by a particular carrier that supports delivery of said parcel at the particular delivery
10 time on the particular delivery date that corresponds to the particular cell.

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12 6. The computer system of Claim 5, said computer system further programmed
13 to:

14 colorize the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a shipping rate
15 for shipping the particular parcel, said shipping rate corresponding to a particular service
16 offered by a particular carrier, each cell having a color that corresponds to the particular
17 carrier, each carrier having a different corresponding color.

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19 7. The computer system of Claim 6, said computer system further programmed
20 to:

21 display each cell of the online display of said array as further containing an onscreen
22 interactive selection button.

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24 8. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed
25 to:

26 detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over the onscreen interactive selection
27 button of a particular cell; and

28 respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an
29 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a

1 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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3 9. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed
4 to:

5 detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection button
6 of a particular cell; and

7 respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an onscreen
8 display of a shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service
9 corresponding to the particular cell.

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11 10. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed
12 to:

13 detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection button
14 of a particular cell; and

15 respond to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an onscreen
16 display of a shipping document for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service
17 corresponding to the particular cell.

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19 11. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed
20 to:

21 detect a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular cell;
22 and

23 respond to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an
24 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a
25 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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27 12. The computer system of Claim 7, said computer system further programmed
28 to:

29 detect a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular cell; and

1 respond to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a
2 shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service corresponding to the
3 cell.

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5 13. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer
6 system programmed to:

7 display to one particular user of a plurality of users a plurality of shipping rates for
8 shipping a parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to delivery of the parcel at a particular
9 delivery time on a particular delivery date by one of a plurality of services offered by one of a
10 plurality of carriers, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global
11 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an
12 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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14 14. The computer system of Claim 13, wherein each of said shipping rates
15 corresponds to a calculation according to a set of carrier rules for shipping said parcel for a
16 particular one of said services offered by a particular one of said carriers that supports
17 delivery of said parcel according to a set of user input parcel specifications and a set of user
18 input parcel specifications.

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20 15. The computer system of Claim 14, said computer system further programmed
21 to:

22 display said plurality of shipping rates in the form of an online interactive graphic
23 array, said interactive graphic array having an first axis and a second axis.

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25 16. The computer system of Claim 15, said computer system further programmed
26 to:

27 display along the first axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of
28 delivery dates that follow a current date.

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1 17. The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed
2 to:

3 graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed delivery dates a delivery
4 date-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery
5 date-related portions is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each of said delivery date-
6 related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

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8 18. The computer system of Claim 16, said computer system further programmed
9 to:

10 display along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of
11 delivery times; and

12 graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery
13 time-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery
14 time-related portions is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each of said delivery
15 time-related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

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17 19. The computer system of Claim 18, said computer system further programmed
18 to:

19 display each shipping rate that corresponds to delivery of the parcel by a particular
20 carrier at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date at an intersection of a
21 delivery date-related portion and a delivery time-related portion for which the carrier and the
22 service supports delivery of the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting
23 delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery
24 time-related portion.

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26 20. The computer system of Claim 19, said computer system further programmed
27 to:

28 colorize each of said intersections containing a shipping rate with a color
29 corresponding to the carrier that offers the service of delivering the parcel on the delivery

1 date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time
2 aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.

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4 21. The computer system of Claim 19, said computer system further programmed
5 to:

6 display along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of
7 carrier names, each carrier name corresponding to a particular carrier; and

8 graphically dedicate to each of the plurality of displayed carrier names a portion of the
9 online interactive graphic array that is perpendicular to the second axis and aligned with said
10 carrier name.

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12 22. The computer system of Claim 21, said computer system further programmed
13 to:

14 detect a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive
15 graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and

16 respond to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the portion of
17 the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to display a
18 plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering delivery of
19 said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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21 23. The computer system of Claim 22, said computer system further programmed
22 to:

23 display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each
24 particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported
25 by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

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27 24. The computer system of Claim 23, said computer system further programmed
28 to:

29 detect a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online

1 interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and
2 respond to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the
3 portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and
4 by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding
5 to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second
6 particular carrier.

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8 25. The computer system of Claim 24, said computer system further programmed
9 to:

10 display a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and each
11 particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is supported
12 by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering delivery of said
13 parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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15 26. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed
16 to:

17 prompt a user, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery time
18 comparision, with an interactive prompt comprising a plurality of cells, wherein each of said
19 cells comprises an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time
20 and wherein at least one of said cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate
21 corresponding to a particular carrier delivering said parcel at the indicated delivery time on the
22 indicated delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

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24 27. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed
25 to:

26 prompt one particular user of a plurality of users with a service and carrier selection user
27 prompt to select one of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping
28 a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the computer
29 system over a global communications network using a client computer device, each user client
30 computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global communications

1 network.

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3 28. A shipping management computer system, said computer system programmed
4 to:

5 collect user input from one particular user of a plurality of users of a selection by the
6 particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one of a plurality
7 of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping said parcel wherein each user
8 accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer
9 device, each user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the
10 global communications network.

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12 29. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer
13 system programmed to:

14 detect a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an online
15 interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user of a
16 particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein
17 said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular
18 carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications
19 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic
20 connection to the global communications network.

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22 30. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer
23 system programmed to:

24 detect a placement of a cursor by one particular user of a plurality of users over a cell
25 of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user
26 of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers,
27 wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the
28 particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global
29 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an

1 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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3 31. A computer system programmed for managing parcel shipping, said computer
4 system programmed to:

5 respond to a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an online
6 interactive display containing a shipping rate by displaying an onscreen display of a shipping
7 label for shipping a particular parcel with a carrier and a service, wherein said selected cell
8 contains a shipping rate that corresponds to the corresponding service and carrier, wherein
9 each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client
10 computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global
11 communications network.

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13 32. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
14 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

15 displaying to each of a plurality of users, upon each user's request, as to each
16 particular parcel to be shipped by each user, an online interactive graphic comparison of a
17 plurality of shipping rates calculated for each of a plurality of services offered by each of a
18 plurality of carriers to ship a particular parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to a
19 particular service offered by a particular carrier for delivering the particular parcel to a
20 particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a particular parcel
21 delivery date, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications
22 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic
23 connection to the global communications network.

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25 33. The method of Claim 32, said method further comprising:

26 displaying said online interactive graphic comparison comprising an array of a
27 plurality of cells.

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29 34. The method of Claim 33, said method further comprising:

1 displaying each of said cells at an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date
2 and a parcel delivery time.

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4 35. The method of Claim 34, said method further comprising:
5 displaying in each cell corresponding to a delivery date and a delivery time for which
6 delivery of the particular parcel is supported by at least one particular service offered by at
7 least one particular carrier each shipping rate for shipping the particular parcel calculated
8 according to a set of rules for delivery of the particular parcel by each corresponding service
9 offered by each corresponding carrier.

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11 36. The method of Claim 35, said method further comprising:
12 subdividing each cell for which more than one carrier supports delivery of the parcel
13 at the particular delivery time on the particular delivery date corresponding to said cell into a
14 plurality of sub-cell divisions, each of said sub-cell divisions corresponding to a particular
15 service by a particular carrier that supports delivery of said parcel at the particular delivery
16 time on the particular delivery date that corresponds to the particular cell.

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18 37. The method of Claim 36, said method further comprising:
19 colorizing the display of each sub-cell division containing a display of a shipping rate
20 for shipping the particular parcel, said shipping rate corresponding to a particular service
21 offered by a particular carrier, each cell having a color that corresponds to the particular
22 carrier, each carrier having a different corresponding color.

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24 38. The method of Claim 37, said method further comprising:
25 displaying each cell of the online display of said array as further containing an
26 onscreen interactive selection button.

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28 39. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:
29 detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over the onscreen interactive selection

1 button of a particular cell; and

2 responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an

3 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a

4 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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6 40. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

7 detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection

8 button of a particular cell; and

9 responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an

10 onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service

11 corresponding to the particular cell.

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13 41. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising:

14 detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen interactive selection

15 button of a particular cell; and

16 responding to the onscreen cursor clicking the selection button by displaying an

17 onscreen display of a shipping document for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the

18 service corresponding to the particular cell.

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20 42. The method of Claim 38, said method further comprising to:

21 detecting a placement by an onscreen cursor over an onscreen display of a particular

22 cell; and

23 responding to the onscreen cursor placement by displaying an onscreen window in an

24 area in close proximity to the cell, said window containing the name of the carrier and a

25 description of the service corresponding to the cell.

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27 42. The method of Claim 38 said method further comprising:

28 detecting a clicking by an onscreen cursor over a display of a particular cell; and

29 responding to the onscreen cursor clicking by displaying an onscreen display of a

1 shipping label for shipping the parcel with the carrier and the service corresponding to the
2 cell.

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4 43. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
5 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

6 displaying to one particular user of a plurality of users a plurality of shipping rates for
7 shipping a parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to delivery of the parcel at a particular
8 delivery time on a particular delivery date by one of a plurality of services offered by one of a
9 plurality of carriers, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global
10 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an
11 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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13 44. The method of Claim 43, wherein each of said shipping rates corresponds to a
14 calculation according to a set of carrier rules for shipping said parcel for a particular one of
15 said services offered by a particular one of said carriers that supports delivery of said parcel
16 according to a set of user input parcel specifications and a set of user input parcel
17 specifications.

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19 45. The method of Claim 44, said method further comprising:

20 displaying said plurality of shipping rates in the form of an online interactive graphic
21 array, said interactive graphic array having an first axis and a second axis.

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23 46. The method of Claim 45, said method further comprising:

24 displaying along the first axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of
25 delivery dates that follow a current date.

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27 47. The method of Claim 46, said method further comprising:

28 graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed delivery dates a delivery
29 date-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery

1 date-related portions is perpendicular to the first axis, and wherein each of said delivery date-
2 related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery dates.

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4 48. The method of Claim 46, said method further comprising:

5 displaying along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of
6 delivery times; and

7 graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed delivery times a delivery
8 time-related portion of the online interactive graphic array, wherein each of said delivery
9 time-related portions is perpendicular to the second axis, and wherein each of said delivery
10 time-related portions is aligned with one of the plurality of displayed delivery times.

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12 49. The method of Claim 48, said method further comprising:

13 displaying each shipping rate that corresponds to delivery of the parcel by a particular
14 carrier at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date at an intersection of a
15 delivery date-related portion and a delivery time-related portion for which the carrier and the
16 service supports delivery of the parcel on the delivery date aligned with the intersecting
17 delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time aligned with the intersecting delivery
18 time-related portion.

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20 50. The method of Claim 49, said method further comprising:

21 colorizing each of said intersections containing a shipping rate with a color
22 corresponding to the carrier that offers the service of delivering the parcel on the delivery
23 date aligned with the intersecting delivery date-related portion and at the delivery time
24 aligned with the intersecting delivery time-related portion.

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26 51. The method of Claim 49, said method further comprising:

27 displaying along the second axis of the online interactive graphic array a plurality of
28 carrier names, each carrier name corresponding to a particular carrier; and

29 graphically dedicating to each of the plurality of displayed carrier names a portion of

1 the online interactive graphic array that is perpendicular to the second axis and aligned with
2 said carrier name.

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4 52. The method of Claim 51, said method further comprising:

5 detecting a first clicking by an onscreen cursor over a portion of the online interactive
6 graphic array corresponding to a first particular carrier; and

7 responding to the first onscreen cursor clicking by expanding the display of the
8 portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier to
9 display a plurality of services offered by the first particular carrier, each service offering
10 delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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12 53. The method of Claim 52, said method further comprising:

13 displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and
14 each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is
15 supported by the particular service offered by the first particular carrier.

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17 54. The method of Claim 53, said method further comprising:

18 detecting a second clicking by an onscreen cursor over the portion of the online
19 interactive graphic array corresponding to a second particular carrier; and
20 responding to the second onscreen cursor clicking by collapsing the display of the
21 portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding to the first particular carrier and
22 by expanding the display of the portion of the online interactive graphic array corresponding
23 to the second particular carrier to display a plurality of services offered by the second
24 particular carrier.

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26 55. The method of Claim 54, said method further comprising:

27 displaying a shipping rate at each intersection of each particular delivery date and
28 each particular service for which delivery of said parcel on the particular delivery date is
29 supported by the service offered by the second particular carrier, each service offering

1 delivery of said parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date.

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3 56. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
4 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

5 prompting a user, in response to a user request for a shipping rate and delivery time
6 comparision, with an interactive prompt comprising a plurality of cells, wherein each of said
7 cells comprises an intersection of indications of a parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time
8 and wherein at least one of said cells displays for user selection a calculated shipping rate
9 corresponding to a particular carrier delivering said parcel at the indicated delivery time on the
10 indicated delivery date according to a particular service offered by the particular carrier.

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12 57. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
13 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

14 prompting one particular user of a plurality of users with a service and carrier selection
15 user prompt to select one of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for
16 shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular user, wherein each user accesses the
17 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, each
18 user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global
19 communications network.

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21 58. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
22 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

23 collecting user input from one particular user of a plurality of users of a selection by the
24 particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping rate corresponds to one of a plurality of
25 services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping said parcel wherein each user
26 accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a client computer
27 device, each user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global
28 communications network.

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30 59. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
31 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

1 detecting a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an online
2 interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular user of a
3 particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein
4 said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the particular
5 carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications
6 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic
7 connection to the global communications network.

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9 60. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
10 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

11 detecting a placement of a cursor by one particular user of a plurality of users over a
12 cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate as a selection by the particular
13 user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers,
14 wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular service offered by the
15 particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global
16 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an
17 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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19 61. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
20 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

21 responding to a clicking by one particular user of a plurality of users of a cell of an
22 online interactive display containing a shipping rate by displaying an onscreen display of a
23 shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a carrier and a service, wherein said
24 selected cell contains a shipping rate that corresponds to the corresponding service and
25 carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications
26 network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an individual electronic
27 connection to the global communications network.

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29 62. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for

1 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
2 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

3 a set of program instructions for displaying to each of a plurality of users, upon each
4 user's request, as to each particular parcel to be shipped by each user, an online interactive
5 graphic comparison of a plurality of shipping rates calculated for each of a plurality of
6 services offered by each of a plurality of carriers to ship a particular parcel, each shipping rate
7 corresponding to a particular service offered by a particular carrier for delivering the
8 particular parcel to a particular delivery destination at a particular parcel delivery time on a
9 particular parcel delivery date, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global
10 communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an
11 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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13 63. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
14 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
15 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

16 a set of program instructions for displaying to one particular user of a plurality of
17 users a plurality of shipping rates for shipping a parcel, each shipping rate corresponding to
18 delivery of the parcel at a particular delivery time on a particular delivery date by one of a
19 plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein each user accesses the
20 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and
21 wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications
22 network.

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24 64. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
25 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
26 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

27 a set of program instructions for prompting a user, in response to a user request for a
28 shipping rate and delivery time comparison, with an interactive prompt comprising a
29 plurality of cells, wherein each of said cells comprises an intersection of indications of a

1 parcel delivery date and a parcel delivery time and wherein at least one of said cells displays
2 for user selection a calculated shipping rate corresponding to a particular carrier delivering
3 said parcel at the indicated delivery time on the indicated delivery date according to a
4 particular service offered by the particular carrier.

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6 65. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
7 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
8 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

9 a set of program instructions for prompting one particular user of a plurality of users
10 with a service and carrier selection user prompt to select one of a plurality of services offered
11 by one of a plurality of carriers for shipping a particular parcel to be shipped by the particular
12 user, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global communications network
13 using a client computer device, each user client computer device having an individual
14 electronic connection to the global communications network.

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16 66. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
17 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
18 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

19 a set of program instructions for collecting user input from one particular user of a
20 plurality of users of a selection by the particular user of a shipping rate, wherein said shipping
21 rate corresponds to one of a plurality of services offered by one of a plurality of carriers for
22 shipping said parcel wherein each user accesses the computer system over a global
23 communications network using a client computer device, each user client computer device
24 having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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26 67. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
27 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
28 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

29 a set of program instructions for detecting a clicking by one particular user of a

1 plurality of users of a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate as a
2 selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services offered by one
3 of a plurality of carriers, wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to the particular
4 service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over
5 a global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has
6 an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

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8 68. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
9 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
10 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

11 a set of program instructions for detecting a placement of a cursor by one particular
12 user of a plurality of users over a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping
13 rate as a selection by the particular user of a particular service of a plurality of services
14 offered by one of a plurality of carriers, wherein said selected shipping rate corresponds to
15 the particular service offered by the particular carrier, wherein each user accesses the
16 computer system over a global communications network using a client computer device, and
17 wherein each user has an individual electronic connection to the global communications
18 network.

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20 69. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
21 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
22 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

23 a set of program instructions for responding to a clicking by one particular user of a
24 plurality of users of a cell of an online interactive display containing a shipping rate by
25 displaying an onscreen display of a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel with a
26 carrier and a service, wherein said selected cell contains a shipping rate that corresponds to
27 the corresponding service and carrier, wherein each user accesses the computer system over a
28 global communications network using a client computer device, and wherein each user has an
29 individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

1 70. An online interactive shipping management computer system, said computer
2 system programmed to:

3 instruct a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote computer
4 devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by a
5 particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer
6 system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global
7 communications network.

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9 71. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
10 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

11 instructing a particular remote user client computer from a plurality of remote
12 computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information based on modified input by
13 a particular user to the particular remote user client computer device, wherein the computer
14 system communicates with each remote user client computer device over a global
15 communications network.

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17 72. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
18 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
19 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

20 a set of program instructions for instructing a particular remote user client computer
21 from a plurality of remote computer devices to regenerate a display of shipping information
22 based on modified input by a particular user to the particular remote user client computer
23 device, wherein the computer system communicates with each remote user client computer
24 device over a global communications network.

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26 73. A method using a computer system for regenerating a shipping information
27 display at a client computer device connected to the computer system over a global
28 communications network, the method comprising:

29 distributing to the client computer device an executable set of executed computer

1 instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping information display, a set of
2 data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least one data
3 collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to
4 a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

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6 74. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
7 execution by a computer system for regenerating an online shipping information display at a
8 client computer device, the computer program product comprising:

9 a set of program instructions for distributing to a remote user client computer device
10 an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user
11 interface shipping information display, a set of data input by a particular user from the client
12 computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the
13 executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input
14 to at least one of the data collection fields, wherein the computer system communicates with
15 each remote user client computer device over a global communications network.

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17 75. A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of
18 parcels shipped by any one of a plurality of carriers, the method comprising:

19 distributing to a client computer device connected to the computer system over a
20 global communications network an executable set of executed computer instructions for
21 generating an interactive user interface display, a set of parcel specifications and shipping
22 specifications data input by a particular user from the client computer device, a set of at least
23 one data collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in
24 response to a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data
25 collection fields.

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27 76. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
28 execution by a client computer device, the computer program product comprising:

29 a set of program instructions for regenerating a display of shipping rates and delivery

1 schedules at any particular remote user client computer device of a plurality of remote user
2 client computer devices, based on modified parcel specification or shipping specification
3 input by a particular user at a particular remote user client computer device, wherein the set
4 of program instructions instruct the client computer to communicate with a shipping
5 management computer system over a global communications network to obtain rating
6 information.

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8 77. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
9 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
10 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

11 a set of program instructions for distributing to a client computer device connected to
12 the computer system over a global communications network an executable set of executed
13 computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface display, a set of parcel
14 specifications and shipping specifications data input by a particular user from the client
15 computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute the
16 executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with input
17 to at least one of the data collection fields.

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19 78. An online interactive shipping management computer system, said computer
20 system programmed to:

21 distribute with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote
22 client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an
23 interactive user interface shipping information display.

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25 79. The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 78,
26 said computer system further programmed to:

27 distribute with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote
28 client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client computer
29 device.

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2 80. The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 79,
3 said computer system further programmed to:

4 distribute with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote
5 client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to execute
6 the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data with
7 input to at least one of the data collection fields.

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9 81. The online interactive shipping management computer system of Claim 80,
10 wherein the set of data input by a particular user comprises a set of parcel specifications and
11 shipping specifications data.

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13 82. A method using a computer system for regenerating an online shipping
14 information display at a client computer device, the method comprising:

15 distributing with an interactive user interface shipping information display to a remote
16 client computer device an executable set of executed computer instructions for generating an
17 interactive user interface shipping information display.

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19 83. The method of Claim 82, said method further comprising:

20 distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a
21 remote client computer device, a set of data input by a particular user from the client
22 computer device.

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24 84. The method of Claim 83, said method further comprising:

25 distributing with the interactive user interface shipping information display to a
26 remote client computer device, a set of at least one data collection field and an instruction to
27 execute the executable set of instructions in response to a user modification of the set of data
28 with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

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1 85. The method of Claim 84, wherein the set of data input by a particular user
2 comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.

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4 86. A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for
5 execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels shipped by
6 any one of a plurality of carriers, the computer program product comprising:

7 a set of program instructions for distributing with an interactive user interface
8 shipping information display to a remote client computer device an executable set of
9 executed computer instructions for generating an interactive user interface shipping
10 information display.

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12 87. The computer program product of Claim 86, said computer program product
13 further comprising:

14 a set of program instructions for distributing with the interactive user interface
15 shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of data input by a
16 particular user from the client computer device.

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18 88. The computer program product of Claim 87, said computer program product
19 further comprising:

20 a set of program instructions for distributing with the interactive user interface
21 shipping information display to a remote client computer device, a set of at least one data
22 collection field and an instruction to execute the executable set of instructions in response to
23 a user modification of the set of data with input to at least one of the data collection fields.

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25 89. The method of Claim 88, wherein the set of data input by a particular user
26 comprises a set of parcel specifications and shipping specifications data.

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